

## Draft Minutes

### Vermont State Hospital Futures Advisory Group

2 to 4:30 p.m. -- January 23, 2006

Skylight Conference Room

State Office Complex

Waterbury, Vermont

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2 p.m. by Deputy Commissioner Paul Blake. The names of those present appear at the end of these minutes. Public comment was taken from time to time throughout the meeting. No votes were taken at the meeting.

Beth Tanzman gave an overview of new developments.

Reports from the care management work group were presented by Nick Emlen (principles for client movement through the system) and Tom Simpatico (defining roles of hospital and other programs in the system) and discussion followed. Emlen passed out a document, "Draft #4 – Principles that Guide the Movement of Clients through the System" and Simpatico handed out a document, "Care Management System – System Description Sub-committee."

Nick Nichols reported on peer services program development possibilities and handed out a draft "charge" for a peer services workgroup. He also handed out a document titled "Peer Support Development Work Group – Draft Timeline..." Initiation of the workgroup was deferred until spring by general assent.

Nichols also reported on family and peer participation in the Futures process. He handed out a document titled "Feedback Re: Increased Consumer and Family Participation in VSH Futures." Linda Corey agreed to assist Nichols in developing methods of increasing participation.

Eric Grims and Cathy Rousse reported on Northeast Kingdom Mental Health's proposed sub-acute facility in Greensboro, which elicited substantial discussion. Grims handed out documents titled "Bayley-Hazen Rehabilitation and Recovery Center...at the Lakeview Lodge" and "The Bayley-Hazen Rehabilitation and Recovery Center."

Praise was offered for the work done by NKHS, but concerns were registered about the degree to which the site is geographically and socially

isolated, among other things. Several group members strongly protested that the Futures Group should have been consulted before the Health Commissioner permitted NKHS to sign a purchase and sales agreement. It was noted that any agreement made by NKHS would be contingent on winning state funding, getting a conditional use permit, and winning final approval of the NKHS board. (Note: as the result of this discussion, a special meeting has been scheduled for February 1 to seek the Futures Group's advice on the project.)

Brian Smith offered a report on housing program possibilities. He handed out a 49-page document titled "Priced Out in 2004," which is available at <http://www.tacinc.org/index/viewPage43.htm>. A draft "charge" for a housing workgroup was not handed out, but is posted on the Health Department's website with these minutes. Ken Liberto, Linda Corey, Michael Sabourin and Jeff Rothenberg agreed to work with Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30

#### **MEMBERS**

Larry Thomson	VSH/VSEA
JoEllen Swaine	VSH
Jeff Rothenberg	CMC
Scott Thompson	Advocate (for Jackie Lehman)
Jack McCullough	MHLP
Michael Sabourin	Advocate
Conor Casey	VSEA
David Fassler	VT Psychiatric Association
Ed Paquin	VP&A
Paul Dupre	VT Council of DDMH Svc
Kitty Gallagher	VT State Adult Standing Committee
Anne Donahue	House Human Services Committee, Counter Point
Linda Corey	VPS
Charlie Biss	VDH
Ken Liberto	VAMH
Anne Jerman	VSH
Larry Lewack	NAMI-VT
Jill Olson	VAHHS (for Bea Grause)

#### **GUEST**

Francine Levine	VSH/NAMI
Kate Plummer	VSH
Joanne Moran	VSH
Ann Paro	VSH
Thomas Zabski	VPS
Judy Rosenstreich	volunteer
Anne M. Noonan	VSEA
Marty Raymond	VSEA
Doug Gilman	VSEA
Goldie Watson	VSH/VSEA

Bob Pierattini	FAHC/UVM
Nina Michail	VAHHS
Julie Tessler	VT Council
Nick Emlen	VT Council
Alicia Weiss	VCDR
Bruce Spector	BISHCA
Maureen Mayo	VCIL
Cathy Rousse	NKHS
Eric Grims	NKHS

**STAFF**

John Howland Jr.	VDH
Bill McMains	VDH
Brian Smith	VDH
Wendy Beininger	AGO/VDH
Paul Blake	VDH
Beth Tanzman	VDH